

Griff Off for Charlottesville--Giants to Be Sold to Gaffney and Sinclair

Fox Griff Is in Quandary; Goes to Charlottesville to Settle the Camp Problem

Nationals' Manager Will Not Spring Train Elsewhere Unless All Avenues Are Closed in Virginia Town. Other Sporting Gossip.

By WILLIAM PEET.

Inability to obtain the fraternity house located in Chancellor street, where the main squad of the Washington baseball club has lodged for three years, causes Clark Griffith to board an early train for Charlottesville this morning, to see what can be done. Griffith said:

"I wanted that house for several reasons. First, because we were right next door to Mrs. Saunders, who has for four years been in charge of feeding our crowd, and, secondly, because we were within a few minutes walk of the gymnasium and Lambeth field.

"I don't know what other arrangement I can possibly make, but I will not desert Charlottesville unless all other doors are closed to me.

"I have my heart set on taking my ball club to that town this March, and hope that I can somehow or other adjust matters, but until I have looked over the ground there is little that can be said pro or con.

"I will, however, state that unless all ports are closed I shall not forsake the Virginia college town as a training camp. I believe that I can get my club in just as good shape right there as anywhere else in Dixie.

"If I find that Charlottesville is impossible, then I shall start to negotiate with other Southern cities and towns and will pick out the spot which suits me."

Joe Villa, of the New York Evening Sun, hands President Ben Johnson, of the American League, a well-deserved pat on the back, as follows:

"Although a majority of the magnates admit that peace in baseball is a good thing for everybody, some of the big league club owners still believe that if Ben Johnson had been allowed to exercise absolute authority, the Federal League would have been exterminated without granting concessions of any importance. Johnson saw as late as last September that the Feds could not begin another season. He knew that they had lost \$3,000,000 and that the leading backers of the ill-starred enterprise had grown tired of burning money. It was his plan to ignore the Feds all winter, so that they would either quit of their own accord or sue for peace on terms that would have meant unconditional surrender. When the National League men, however, began to dicker with the Feds in October, Johnson fought hard against a hurried compromise. The American League backed him up."

Many Kilbane Is Careless With Championship Title

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Nothing to It—Herrmann.

Cincinnati, Jan. 10.—"There's nothing in the reported dissolution of the National Commission as far as I know," said August Herrmann, chairman of the commission, today. "The commission only recently elected officers for another year and is bound to remain in force at least that long. Baseball needs some sort of governing body such as the National Commission."

GAFFNEY, DAVIS AND SINCLAIR TO BUY GIANTS

Former Owner of Braves Join with Federal League Backer in Deal for Club.

TO GET SEVERAL STARS

New York, Jan. 10.—Following the sale of the Boston Braves to Percy Haughton and his friends on Saturday, James E. Gaffney, of this city, well known as a contractor and a Tammany politician, is expected to close a deal for the New York Giants within the next twenty-four hours. Associated with Gaffney in this venture are Harry F. Sinclair, the Oklahoma oil man who has played an important part in settling the baseball war, and Robert H. Davis, Gaffney's former partner in the ownership of the Braves.

Gaffney, Sinclair and Davis, have had a thorough understanding for several weeks regarding the purchase of the Giants. The sale of the Braves on Saturday was believed to have been prompted by something that occurred during a confab at Delmonico's on Friday in which President John K. Tener, of the National League; H. N. Hempstead, who controls the majority stock in the New York Club, and McGraw, Gaffney and Davis took part. Gaffney, one hour before this secret conference, had talked with Sinclair, who subsequently admitted that he still was eager to buy the Giants.

"You can say for me," said Gaffney yesterday, "that if Mr. Sinclair secures the Giants I shall deem it an honor to become one of his partners."

It was also learned that if the Giants change hands Gaffney will be elected president and that Manager McGraw will secure half a dozen star players to strengthen his team. The list will include Benny Kauff, Lee Magee, Tom Seaton, Fred Anderson, Bill Rariden and Rousch.

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CHAMPIONS OF THE YEAR JUST PASSED



Here are eight of the foremost athletic champions who won signal honors during the year of 1915. Each of these persons will defend the title during 1916.

Who the champs are: Earl Cooper, leading racing auto driver; Bill Carrigan, manager of the world champion Boston Red Sox; William M. Johnston, national singles tennis champion; Willie Hoppe, champion billiard player of the world; Jerome K. Travers, national open golf champion; Jess Willard, heavy-weight pugilist champion; Mrs. Clara Vandenberg, national woman golf champion, and Miss Molla Buerstedt, national woman tennis champion.

DOWN THE ALLEYS.

CAPITAL CITY DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Bureau.	City.	North.	South.
Lickens, 94	95	100	100
Dunkin, 122	80	92	81
Ross, 91	13	91	71
G'Ned, 107	39	84	78
Loveday, 83	95	89	80
Totals.	497	491	468

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Bureau.	City.	North.	South.
McFate, 80	97	78	78
Parker, 73	86	74	81
Jacobson, 107	39	84	78
Wolstenholme, 106	19	81	82
Totals.	409	371	344

INTERBUREAU DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
States.	Relations.	Secretaries.	
McLaughlin, 80	97	78	78
Tucker, 73	86	74	81
Jacobson, 107	39	84	78
Wolstenholme, 106	19	81	82
Totals.	409	371	344

DEPARTMENTAL DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
War Dept.	Army.	Navy.	Treasury.
Simmons, 80	97	78	78
Hudson, 73	86	74	81
Rockwell, 107	39	84	78
Arata, 102	19	81	82
Totals.	409	371	344

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Green Sox.	McKnight.	McKnight.	
Hackett, 106	102	81	82
Pollock, 80	97	78	78
Wolstenholme, 106	19	81	82
Totals.	409	371	344

MADE DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
Aradians.	Aradians.	Aradians.	
Wolstenholme, 106	19	81	82
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HARVARD EXPECTS TO HOLD PERCY HAUGHTON

Baseball Duties Will Keep Him in Boston and He Will Probably Coach Crimson Eleven.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 10.—It will not be known for several weeks probably who will be Harvard's head coach. Here at Cambridge it is believed that Percy D. Haughton will continue, notwithstanding that he will be the president of the Boston National League baseball club. The fact that he will remain in Boston for his baseball business makes the Harvard football authorities much surer than before that they can persuade him to continue as the coach at Harvard.

Harvard's football strategist, Reginald W. F. Brown, '28, who for many years has been the Crimson's advisory and preparedness coach, has just been signed to another year's contract by Graduate Treasurer Fred W. Moore, of the Harvard Athletic Association. The step to retain the valuable services of Brown was taken just in time, as he was considering offers to coach at one of several large Eastern and Western colleges which within the last two months have offered him large sums to take up the work of active and everyday coaching.

Reggie Brown has been associated with Harvard football for more than twenty years and he has been responsible for the defensive success of the team in the last few years. He has built up Harvard's present efficient scouting system and because of his keenness Harvard, unlike Princeton, found itself able to stop Yale's Minnesota shift of five years ago, the crossback of a few seasons later and finally the lateral passing game which Yale put on so successfully until it went into its final match against Harvard in 1914.

The retention of Brown means that next fall Harvard will keep a most important feature of its football system intact, and this regardless of who may be in charge of the offensive work of the team and its general development. Reggie Brown's official position is defined as adviser to the varsity coaches and the strategy expert to take charge of the department of special preparation to meet the various methods of attack that may be used against Harvard by its opponents.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Brown started for a whirl around a circle of Harvard clubs at Cleveland, Chicago, Madison, Wis.; St. Paul, Omaha, St. Louis, Philadelphia and New York. He will lecture in each of these cities on the Harvard football system, showing photographs and moving pictures of Harvard's 1914 and 1915 games against Yale.

THE DOWN DECISION BOUTS IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 10.—At a meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission, Chairman Wenck introduced a bill calling for referee decisions in this State. However, the bill failed to pass, the other members of the commission voting

to go to Chicago to sign up the fighters for bouts which the Twelfth Regiment Armory, New York City, has secured. Phil "Young" Weinert and Johnny Condon and Ritchie "Red" Smith were the only ones to be signed.

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INDOOR GOLF MATCH MAY BE ARRANGED

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 10.—Although the golfing world is quiet at present, local followers of the game may have a chance in the near future to see two of the best players in this part of the country in action in this city. W. N. Braid and Tom Hucklell, who have charge of the indoor golf school in the Plaza Building, 19 East Fayette street, are planning to bring George Sargeant and Fred McLeod, of Washington, to this city to play a match at the school. If the match is arranged it should attract a great deal of attention, as it would be an innovation for local golfers. It is also possible that two golfers from this city may be matched the same day. Tournaments are being arranged for the winter by Braid and Hucklell, and if their plans materialize some interesting matches should be staged in this form of golf before the outdoor courses open in the spring.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

FIRST RACE—Maiden 3-year-olds and upward; one mile. Daily Male, 10; Clara Morgan, 10; Sauterelle, 10; Stephen R., 10; Namar, 10; Blood, 11; King K., 11; Sena Saria, 11.

SECOND RACE—Selling; three and four-year-olds and upward; mile and twenty yards. Investment, 11; Rose Juliette, 10; Lucky R., 10; Mary H., 10; Alford, 10; Lander, 10; Miss Kruger, 10; Camella, 11.

THIRD RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; one and one-half miles. "Reno, 10; Cadena, 10; Bertadano, 11; Marston, 11; Mockery, 11; Polly H., 11.

FOURTH RACE—3-year-olds and upward; Tallie Ho Club handicap; one mile. Star Shooter, 10; Irish Gentleman, 10; Indolence, 10; J. J. Lilla, 10; Hamlet, 10; Goldenrod Boy, 10.

FIFTH RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; one and one-half miles. Kestel, 10; "Reno, 10; Lander, 11; Fortbrook, 11; "Shores, 10; Laid, 10; Kinkaid, 11; Brian Bone, 11; Mary Warren, 11; King Radford, 11; Sure On, 11; El Palo, 11.

SIXTH RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; one and one-half miles. "Reno, 10; Cadena, 10; Bertadano, 11; Marston, 11; Mockery, 11; Polly H., 11.

SEVENTH RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; one and one-half miles. "Reno, 10; Cadena, 10; Bertadano, 11; Marston, 11; Mockery, 11; Polly H., 11.

EIGHTH RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; one and one-half miles. "Reno, 10; Cadena, 10; Bertadano, 11; Marston, 11; Mockery, 11; Polly H., 11.

NINTH RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; one and one-half miles. "Reno, 10; Cadena, 10; Bertadano, 11; Marston, 11; Mockery, 11; Polly H., 11.

TENTH RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; one and one-half miles. "Reno, 10; Cadena, 10; Bertadano, 11; Marston, 11; Mockery, 11; Polly H., 11.

Eleventh RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; one and one-half miles. "Reno, 10; Cadena, 10; Bertadano, 11; Marston, 11; Mockery, 11; Polly H., 11.

Twelfth RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; one and one-half miles. "Reno, 10; Cadena, 10; Bertadano, 11; Marston, 11; Mockery, 11; Polly H., 11.

Thirteenth RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; one and one-half miles. "Reno, 10; Cadena, 10; Bertadano, 11; Marston, 11; Mockery, 11; Polly H., 11.

Fourteenth RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; one and one-half miles. "Reno, 10; Cadena, 10; Bertadano, 11; Marston, 11; Mockery, 11; Polly H., 11.

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Eastern and Central to Clash in School Game

A TOM SHEVLIN STORY

George Foster Sanford, coach of Rutgers College football team, and a close friend of the late Tom Shevlin, tells a good story about his friend.

"Shevlin was the greatest player Yale ever turned out," said Sanford. "An amusing incident I recall was characteristic of Shevlin—on the field and off. A friend told me Shevlin had the 'big head'."

"Why shouldn't I have?" Tom demanded. "I am a good football player. I married the handsomest girl in America. I am successful in business, and I have plenty of money."

GEORGETOWN IS EASY FOR NEW YORK QUINT

Hilltoppers Are Beaten by Sensational Gotham Basket Tossers 43 to 22. Guards Show Class.

The New York University basketball quint made its initial appearance here last